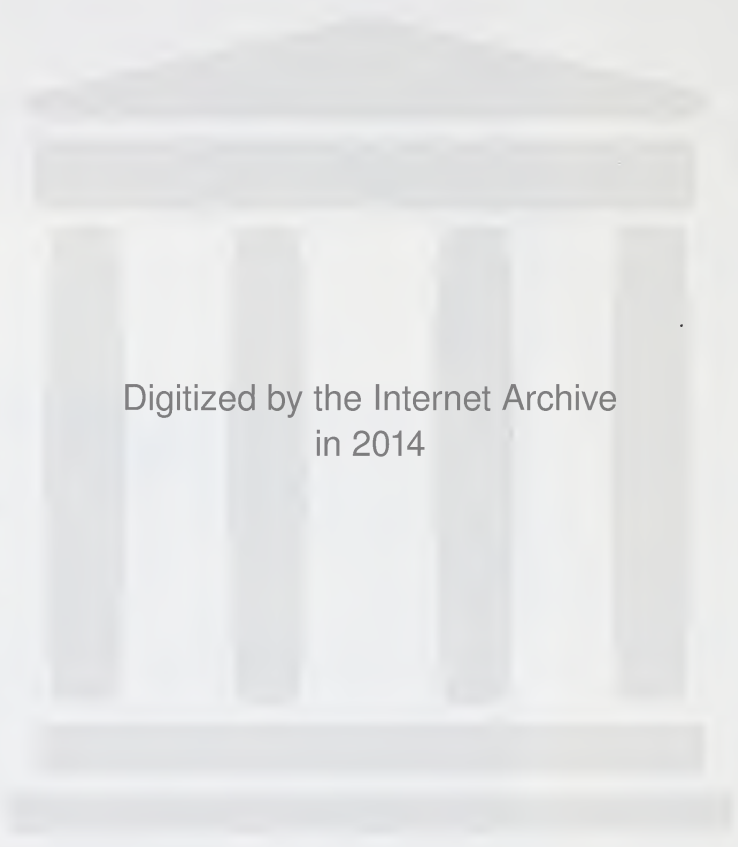




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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

OF THE

TOWN OF TOWNSEND, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
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FITCHBURG :
PRESS OF BLANCHARD & BROWN,
1882.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Expenses of Poor on Town Farm.

Personal Property at Town Farm, March 1st, 1881,	\$2,198 61
Cash paid Andrew Jewett, 3 cows,	120 00
E. A. Shattuck, phosphate,	19 27
David Hobert, cow,	55 00
C. L. Rollins, part pay for services,	175 00
Will be due Superintendent, April 1st, 1882,	225 00

Personal Property at Town Farm, March 1st, 1882,	\$2,539 20
Cash in hands of Superintendent,	85 31
Cash paid Town Treasurer by Superintendent,	70 00

Paupers off the Farm.

A. D. Haselton, aid to Jonas Richards,	\$33 00
W. A. Wyman, med. Jonas Richards,	3 00
L. G. Chandler, M. D., Robinson child,	8 00
M. Gleason, coffin for Robinson child,	6 00
Orders drawn for Robinson child,	7 50
W. A. Wyman, M. D., King family,	30 00
R. B. Boynton, M. D., King family,	7 25
C. Patch, burial King child,	3 75
M. Gleason, coffin for King child,	12 00
Orders drawn, supplies King family,	12 52
W. A. Wyman, M. D., G. L. Jaquith family,	20 00
A. M. Wilson, meat, G. L. Jaquith family,	2 40
H. F. Gleason, M. D., G. L. Jaquith family,	80 00
C. W. Hildreth, supplies G. L. Jaquith family,	35 20
L. G. Chandler, M. D., care of Etta A. Newell,	8 00
Orders drawn, help and supplies E. A. Newell,	15 00

J. A. Baker, aid to family,	\$7 00
Aid to Mrs. Vinton,	65 00
W. A. Wyman, M. D., Mallen family,	22 00
R. B. Boynton, M. D., care of Mr. Cram,	9 00
M. Gleason, coffin, for Mr. Cram,	12 00
C. E. Patch, burial of Mr. Cram,	4 00
Orders drawn, supplies Mr. Cram,	5 50
R. Gassett, aid in procuring testimony relative to pension,	20 00
C. Patch, moving R. Gassett,	75
Mrs. B. F. King, removing Clara Richardson to Idiotic School and cash paid,	11 00
Aid to Didama Prichards,	1 00
Aid to W. Merriam,	16 17
A. G. Stearns, journey to Boston, Newton, Bolton, Lancaster, Leominster, Templeton, Gardner, Ashburnham and New Ipswich, cash paid and time,	54 55
Orders drawn, aid Hugh Todd family,	23 00
	\$534 59

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Due from Town of Templeton,	\$137 60
Sturbridge,	7 00
State,	141 67
Received from James King and paid Treasurer,	15 00
Hugh Todd, paid to Treasurer,	23 00
James King, since Treasurer closed his report,	50 52—374 79
Leaving a balance against the town of	\$159 80

Old Contracts.

Interest on town notes,	\$423 10
C. L. Robbins, Superintendent Town Farm,	156 56
J. L. Piper, printing valuation, school and town reports,	139 00
Jonas Spaulding, services as Assessor, 1880,	15 00

S. W. Upton, rent, R. Gasset,	\$2 00
Blanchard & Brown, printing school reports, 1879,	30 00
F. W. Roberts, use of stock,	2 00
Orders drawn for work on highway,	18 70
“ “ “ breaking snow paths,	26 57
W. P. Taylor, balance for collecting tax 1879,	4 30
J. F. Thompson, lumber for repairing hall,	1 71
J. P. Hildreth, exhuming body C. E. Elliott,	3 00
J. A. Dixon, town note,	6 03
	\$827 97

Incidental Expenses.

• Orders drawn, repairs of guide boards,	\$5 00
W. L. Maynard, ironing 3 road scrapers,	50 00
H. F. Greene, Treasurer Memorial Association,	75 00
E. J. Sartelle, Superintendent schools,	40 00
A. K. Tyler, cash paid use of horse,	5 30
Town of Ashby, tax,	1 40
S. S. Haynes, school books,	182 94
G. F. Lawton & Son, coal for engine house,	24 00
W. H. Stone, wood for Selectmen's room,	2 10
L. G. Chandler, books for library,	100 00
Orders drawn, care of S. D. Champney,	33 50
Levi Stearns, cash paid for insurance,	4 00
M. E. Church and Society, rent of hall,	54 95
W. P. Taylor, making returns,	34 15
W. P. Taylor, express and postage,	2 27
W. P. Taylor, services as Town Clerk,	10 00
G. Wood, moving Bryant Mallen,	4 00
J. P. Hildreth, work in cemetery,	7 50
J. P. Hildreth, returning deaths,	7 00
C. E. Patch, work in cemetery, West Townsend,	25 10
C. E. Patch, going for hearse,	8 00
C. E. Patch, making returns,	2 25
Levi Wright, painting engine house, West Townsend,	23 80

I. C. Wright, paint stock, engine house, West Townsend,	\$22 31
E. B. Richards and others, carrying children, No. 13,	63 75
Orders drawn, books, stationery, postage,	8 04
G. Elliott, burying cow,	2 00
N. P. Clough, damage to wagon,	2 25
A. G. Stearns, cash paid state aid case,	2 70
A. G. Stearns, repairing Seminary hall,	3 70
Benj. Hodgman, ice chisel, pike poles,	1 50
C. E. Patch, going to Fitchburg for reports,	1 50
I. C. Wright, steel for scrapers,	5 25
W. L. Maynard, repairing scrapers,	1 87
M. L. Warren, tax collector's book,	1 15
Register of Probate, appraisal of J. N. Tucker's estate,	1 00
A. D. Fessenden, cash paid fire department,	44 15
A. D. Fessenden, Garfield memorial,	7 66
A. D. Fessenden, printing memorial,	1 50
A. K. Tyler, perambulating town lines,	9 00
A. G. Stearns, " " " "	5 00
Benj. Brown, " " " "	3 00
A. K. Tyler, care of Charles Davis,	4 00
E. A. Spaulding, service as Constable,	5 00
F. A. Worcester, retainer and advice,	50 00
C. W. Hildreth, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
C. W. Hildreth, cash paid,	10 00
A. G. Stearns, services as Selectman, Assessor, Oveeseer Poor,	147 00
A. K. Tyler, " " " " " "	120 00
Benj. Brown, " " " " " "	80 00
Thomas Bixby, scraper,	10 00
E. J. Sartelle, maps for school house,	11 50
E. J. Sartelle, cash paid for school books,	183 76
E. J. Sartelle, incidentals, schools,	27 45
S. S. Haynes, articles for schools,	20 34

\$1,574 64

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Due from estate of L. D. Champney,	\$33 50
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Expense of Highways.

In the repairs of highways, all district lines have been ignored and the roads mainly repaired under the direction of the following persons :

Granville Wood,	Thomas Bixby,
D. O. Evans,	James A. Dixon,
C. S. Farnham,	Horace Searles,
Edward H. Choat,	Jonas L. Jennerson,
A. K. Tyler,	A. G. Stearns,
Chas. L. Robbins.	

We have expended the sum of,	\$1,861 36
State aid,	901 00
Bridge plank,	231 95
Schools,	3,441 07
Kidder bridge, lumber and labor,	285 25
Clark and turnpike bridges,	265 00
Repairing school houses, painting Nos.	
1, 3, 6, 11,	450 57
Snow paths,	245 32
Cemetery, Townsend Centre,	113 20
Interest on notes,	668 58
New school house,	
W. Z. Sherwin,	\$2,325 00
School furniture and seats,	112 55
Stone work,	105 50
Seating school rooms,	18 60
Grading,	81 21
Plans, specifications, &c.,	40 00
	\$2,682 86

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Due from State, State aid,	\$873 50
Bridge plank on hand,	215 00

Abatement of Taxes, 1879.

J. J. Morse,	\$1 00	
G. H. Patridge,	1 00	
H. O. Waters,	1 00	
		\$3 00

1880.

J. A. Brown, error,	\$1 20	
David E. Breese, gone,	1 60	
John Cherry, gone,	1 60	
James H. Dean, poor,	1 60	
Joseph Helleau, not liable,	1 60	
John Hayes, gone,	1 60	
Frank Johnson, gone,	1 60	
James King, Jr., not liable,	1 60	
John R. Newell, poor,	1 60	
Solomon B. Parker, poor,	1 60	
A. H. Streeter, not liable,	1 60	
Patrick Sullivan, under age,	1 60	
Chas. J. Wilkinson, not liable,	1 60	
Lucy R. C. Clark, exempt,	5 72	
Daniel Bills, on town note,	6 70	
John Whitcomb, exempt,	2 94	
E. B. Richards, over taxed,	2 68	
Elijah Cushing, poor,	2 11	
James King, poor,	7 23	
Philip King, gone,	1 94	
Solomon Kitridge, gone,	1 94	
		\$51 66

1881.

Mrs. B. S. Brown, exempt,	\$8 25	
Walter Atherton, exempt,	4 95	
Patro Doherty,	1 60	
Sarah Waters,	8 25	
James Gillace,	1 60	
		\$24 65
Total,		\$79 31

Recapitulation.

Note against the Town,	\$17,325 00
Due interest on town notes, March 1, 1882,	489 27
Due printing town and school reports,	30 00
Will be due Superintendent Town Farm, April 1st,	225 00
Orders outstanding,	436 00
Due Fire Department, May 1,	400 00
	\$18,905 27

To meet which the town has the following assets :

Mortgage on Amos E. Brown place,	\$116 88
Due from State, State aid,	873 50
School books in Superintendent's hands,	160 00
Pauper accounts due the town,	324 27
Bridge plank on hand,	215 00
Cash in Superintendent's hands,	85 31
Balance in Collector's hands, W. P. Taylor,	633 45
Balance in Collector's hands, H. B. Hildreth,	3,145 06
Cash in treasury,	457 51
There is in the hands of the School Committee,	
on deposit in Townsend National Bank,	141 79
Due from estate of S. D. Champney,	33 50
	\$6,186 27

Balance against the town,	\$12,719 00
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Town debt, March 1, 1881,	\$17,404 10
Town debt, March 1, 1882,	12,719 00

Debt reduced,	\$4,685 10
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Old debt and interest paid,	\$5,842 87
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Money raised by vote of Town, March 14, 1881.

Common schools,	\$3,000 00
High school,	500 00
Carrying children to school,	50 00
Repairing school houses,	500 00
New school house,	2,000 00
Highways,	2,000 00
Support of paupers,	1,000 00
Old town debts and interest,	5,000 00
Fire department,	400 00
Care of cemeteries,	1,50 00
Town library,	1,00 00
Memorial day,	75 00
Incidental expenses, town officers, &c.,	2,000 00
	\$16,775 00

Additional appropriation for new school house, \$1,000.

State tax,	\$690 00
County tax,	346 73
	\$1,036 73
Non resident bank tax,	637 06
Overlayings,	523 00
	\$2,196 79
Total tax,	\$18,971 79

Number of polls,	596
Tax on each poll,	\$1 60
Valuation of personal estate,	\$246,719 00
Valuation of real estate,	818,943 00
	\$1,065,662 00

Rate per \$1,000, \$16 50.

A. G. STEARNS,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Townsend.</i>
A. K. TYLER,		
BENJ. BROWN,		

The Town owes the following :

James A. Dixon, due July 1, 1886, with interest at 6 per cent., for school house,				\$450 00
Betsey Otis, on demand at 4 per cent.,				900 00
Martha Haynes,	"	4	"	1,000 00
Mary P. Spaulding,	"	4	"	350 00
Lucy Ann Walker,	"	4	"	400 00
Elma L. Gates,	"	4	"	300 00
John Scales,	"	4	"	1,000 00
Abbie J. Willard,	"	4	"	100 00
Clarissa Houston,	"	4	"	1,000 00
Joseph Adams,	"	4	"	2,000 00
Elliot Moore,	"	4	"	300 00
Maria B. Wiggin,	"	4	"	100 00
Mary S. Taylor,	"	4	"	600 00
Martha Keyes,	"	4	"	1,500 00
Clara T. Brown,	"	4	"	400 00
Albert Baldwin,	"	4	"	500 00
Lucy F. Harris,	"	4	"	500 00
Ed. P. Brown,	"	4	"	200 00
Joseph Adams,	"	4	"	2,300 00
John Scales,	"	4	"	900 00
Ed. P. Brown,	"	4	"	450 00
Mary F. Richards,	"	4	"	200 00
Quincy Adams,	"	4	"	875 00
Caroline Howe,	"	4	"	700 00
Maria O. Gilson,	"	4	"	300 00

\$17,325 00

Interest due on above notes to March 1, 1882, is

\$489 27

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

Balance from last report,	\$620 85
Received from Town of Dana, C. Woodward case,	14 03
Wm. Bush, for old bridge plank,	1 35
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	276 37
State Treasurer, aid for W. Day, pauper,	18 00
City of Lowell, aid for W. Hatch,	10 10
S. S. Haynes, for school books,	146 24
State Treasurer, National bank tax,	456 78
State Treasurer, State aid,	146 55
State Treasurer, relief for indigent soldiers and sailors,	493 50
Town of Royalston, aid for Etta Newell,	23 00
State Treasurer, income of school fund,	183 87
North Star Lodge, rent of hall,	10 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	103 68
Bryant Mellen, part pay on Brown place,	183 12
Wood from West Townsend cemetery,	14 00
Mrs. Lusk, Sophia Atherton case,	14 00
J. P. Hildreth, lots in cemetery,	5 00
B. F. Lewis, for cattle,	70 00
Hugh Todd, doctor's bill refunded,	23 00
Chas. A. Wright, State aid refunded,	36 00
Charles A. Wright, old fence,	6 00
E. O. Day, State aid refunded,	15 00
Town of Ashby, for bridge plank,	13 12
Money borrowed,	13,025 00
W. P. Taylor, collector 1881,	4,066 55
H. B. Hildreth, collector,	15,480 00
J. F. Thompson, lumber from town farm,	27 64
James King,	15 00
	\$35,497 75

Paid Eclipse Engine Co.,	\$59 20
State Treasurer, State tax,	690 00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	637 06
Notes,	19,229 87
Town orders,	14,424 11
March 1, balance on hand,	457 51

\$35,497 75

Balance due, per last report from W. P. Taylor, Collector,	\$4,700 00
He has paid the Treasurer,	4,066 55

Leaving balance due the town from him, of \$633 45

There was committed to H. B. Hildreth, Collector,	\$18,971 79
He has paid the Treasurer,	\$15,480 00
County tax,	346 73
	\$15,826 73

Leaving balance due the town from him, of \$3,145 06

C. W. HILDRETH,

Treasurer, Town of Townsend.

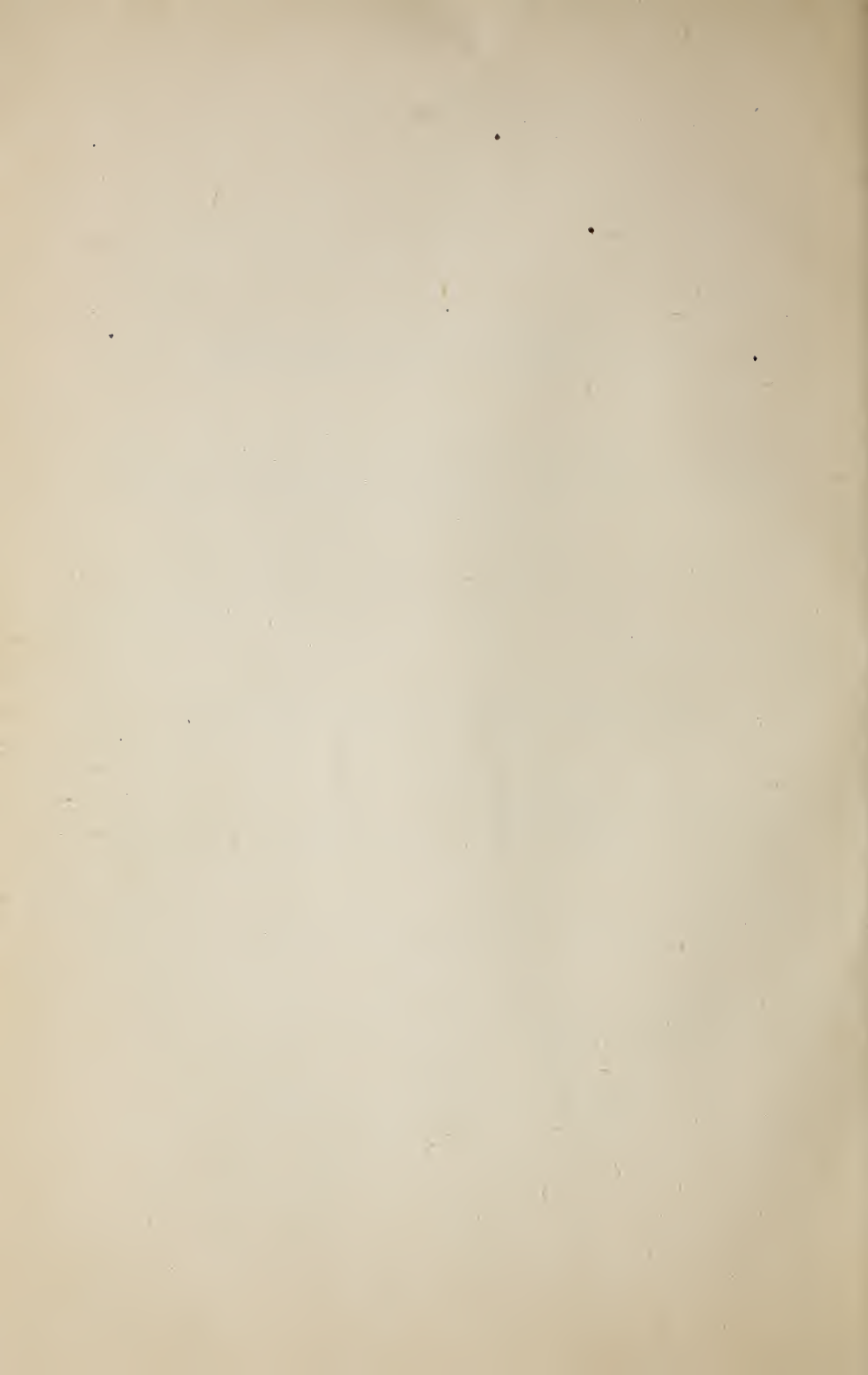
March 1, 1882.

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. M. ADAMS,	} <i>Committee appointed to audit Treasurer's account.</i>
A. D. FESSENDEN,	

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF TOWNSEND,
FOR THE YEAR 1881-2.

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REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.

The appropriations, made by the town at the last annual town meeting, for the support of schools, repairs on school houses, and for building a new house at the Center, were as follows :

For Common Schools,	\$3,000 00
For High School,	500 00
Repairs on houses,	500 00
Building new house,	3,000 00

The above appropriations were generous on the part of the town, and ample for the purpose intended. So far as the expenditure of these appropriations came under the care of your committee, we have endeavored to use them judiciously, and in such a manner as to accomplish most for the educational interests of the town. In review of our work, at the close of the year, we trust that our efforts have been measurably successful.

Enrollment of the High School for the year commencing April 5, 1881 :

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Whole number pupils,	28	39	32
Average membership,	27.33	37.46	30.90
Average attendance,	24.79	35.02	27.53
Total enrollment,	44		

Enrollment in the Common Schools for

the past year has been :	375
Whole number under 5 years,	8
Whole number over 15 years,	12

The loss of school time, in the several schools, is about the same as in former years, amounting to nearly 15 per cent. It is clear to all, that this loss should be avoided, as far as possible. Part of it is due to causes beyond the control of any one ; yet a large per cent. is chargeable to negligence on the part of scholars, or parents. By this negligence, the purpose of the town in maintaining public schools is much restricted, and the children, who should share in full its benefits, are left to grow up in ignorance, and become, oftentimes, the dead weights, in the community where they live.

The largest number of schools kept in any one term was fifteen. Some of this number have been too small to answer the best conditions of instruction. The changes in the population of the town make it difficult to adjust this matter so as to secure the best interests of the scholars, or give general satisfaction to the public. Sections of the town long accustomed to a school within their limits naturally feel sensitive in regard to their discontinuance, yet in some cases it seems unavoidable. Those most concerned in these changes will do well to take such a view of the case as shall be for the general good.

The school buildings of the town are now in good condition, with few exceptions. Notable among those needing repairs is the school house on Bayberry Hill. The town has already taken some action, anticipating repairs at an early day. There are now two houses in town, for which there is no present, or immediately prospective use. Just what it is wise to do in regard to these school buildings is still an open question, and must largely depend on conditions not yet fully determined.

One thing, however, is certain, viz : That the public sentiment needs toning up vigorously on the misuse and abuse of buildings set apart for the purposes of education. Many of these abuses are relics of olden time, when the school house was considered the legitimate place for the use of jack-knives, and any, and all other implements that could be used to mar and deface both interior, and exterior of buildings that

should be kept with all the care of a private residence, or a well regulated home.

The law of the state is severe, on those who thus use public property, the extreme penalty being five hundred dollars fine, or one year's imprisonment in the common jail. The execution of this law will be an imperative necessity, if the ordinary means will not accomplish the thing desired. The effect of this lawless transgression is not only against true economy, but equally as much against all true civilization.

By the express law of this Commonwealth, all persons employed as instructors in public schools must give satisfactory evidence of good moral character. This surely contemplates, first, a good moral example, second, appropriate instruction in morals at all suitable times. No school can be such, legally, that has not this element as a part of its constitution. Your committee have given the most careful attention to the suppression of all profane and improper language, in and about the public school buildings.

We would recommend that parents and guardians have this in mind, in their instruction to those under their care. This subject seems to be one that calls imperatively for attention at the present time.

The Public Library now contains over 1300 volumes of select reading and books of reference. For the small sum of fifty cents a year, this valuable educating power is within the reach of any one disposed to use it. We would call the attention of the young, especially, to this privilege of reading, that costs so little and is of so great value.

All good government is founded on law. All subversion of law is anarchy. Anarchy in school is of the same nature as elsewhere ; and threatens good order. A few cases have arisen during the year, where such disorder has occurred, and, as is almost always the result, the loss to the parties most nearly concerned, has been apparent. Law-breakers at school are generally law-breakers in society, and eventually become candidates for State Prisons, and other penal institutions. Of these well-known facts all concerned will do well to take due notice.

The question of useful employment for children, when out of school, is one of much importance, and cannot be neglected without incurring great danger. The prevalent habit, so apparent in our own village, of standing in, and around, places of public resort ; merely to pass away idle time, and listen to idle talk, is one that needs immediate

correction. No child, whether rich or poor, should be allowed to go without something to fill these vacant hours, better, and higher, than is heard, and seen in the squads of idle loafers, about those places, where their room is much more valuable than their company.

Therefore we say most emphatically, to parents and guardians : give your children useful employment ; pay or no pay ; and be sure, that they "stand not in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful."

While we have so much cause for gratitude, that our places of learning are so efficient for good ; we have still to say of this, as of all other privileges under a free government, that their continuance and profit can only be secured, by constant vigilance. To this work we now invite all who have the public good as a prevailing thought, in all their public acts, as well as their private influence.

A. G. STEARNS, J. E. DICKERMAN, J. W. EASTMAN, GEO. H. BALDWIN, OLIVER PROCTER,	} <i>School</i> } <i>Committee.</i>	{ L. G. CHANDLER, JOHN O. BRIEN, S. S. HAYNES, A. L. FESSENDEN, A. F. NEWTON,

S. S. HAYNES, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of School Committee of the Town of Townsend:

The Library Committee herewith respectfully submits its report to you, and through you to the inhabitants of the town, for the year 1881-82:

Amount received for subscriptions,	\$40 98	
“ “ “ fines,	3 07	
“ “ “ catalogues,	1 80	
“ brought over from 1881,	24 53	
		\$70 38
Paid for stationery,	\$7 20	
“ Librarian,	40 00	
“ Library Committee for purchase of books,	9 07	
		\$56 27
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1881,		\$14 11
Number of books added to Library, 1881,	98	
Number of persons taking books,	90	

There was expended, as noted above, nine dollars and seven cents in excess of the appropriation of one hundred dollars provided by the town; the circumstances of the last purchase of books rendered this unavoidable, and the amount was taken from the cash on hand.

The committee have endeavored, in the selection of the books, to consult the ruling taste or opinion in the community and not impose only in a fair degree their individual choice, reserving the right however to inspect the moral sentiment of the work or the character of the author.

In a general library a large per cent. must be necessarily works of fiction, which may convey sentiments ennobling and elevating to the mind and give as true ideas of life as the most truthful essay. About seventy-five per cent. of the books are of this character, which is not in excess of other libraries of this class.

The committee, however, do not lose sight of the fact that the drift must not be all in one direction, and have added, therefore, many works of a truly educational nature, of which we hope the younger portion of the community will take advantage.

In consideration of the views of some members of the Committee, it is proper that the subject of a free library should be presented to the citizens of the town. This is not the place to argue the matter, but the demands of the hour will call our attention to it at no distant date. It is an impressive fact to which the committee will simply point, that our library has an immense power for good which is now latent; by the figures noted above ninety persons are taking books; presuming each one represents a family, of which we have five hundred in town, it shows that less than one-fifth are using the library, of which we have thirteen hundred and fifty volumes.

The committee feel that, in order that we may obtain its largest measure of usefulness, a change in its manner of conduct in many respects should be made.

Revision of the catalogue is an important work and is an imperative duty; a systematic oversight of the time loan of books should be carried out that all may have equal privileges, thorough inspection by the committee, annually, when all books should be called in for a time.

The work performed by the Librarian is in many respects gratuitous and is more than equal to the salary received.

There has been a very gratifying increase of new subscribers the past month, which we only hope will continue in connection with the educational and mind-expounding influence which must result; for to quote from other writers "a good public library is second only to the well-being of the state and free public schools."

Respectfully,

L. G. CHANDLER,

Chairman Library Committee.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

BIRTHS.

- Jan. 3, Chester A. Eastman, son of Julian W. and Amanda Eastman.
Feb. 17, Leila May Alberta, daughter of Frederic and Eliza A. Dickson.
Feb. 18, Marion Amelia, daughter of Frank C. and Josephine M. Parker.
March 4, Guy J., son of Joseph and Jennie Powell.
March 5, Inez, daughter of Edwin and Nellie Terrell.
March 22, William, son of John and Anna Tibo.
March 29, William Wallace, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Copeland.
April 1, Ethel May, daughter of William and Martha Kellogg.
April 7, ———, son of Willie A. and Frances E. Wheeler.
April 27, William Everett, son of Jason and Cora Boreman.
May 5, Clarence Abel, son of Abel W. and Estella E. King.
May 10, Cornelius, son of John and Mary Coughlin.
May 25, Emma Frances, daughter of Daniel and Elsie A. Brogan.
May 17, Claudia Grace, daughter of Edward F. and Harriet A. Spaulding.
June 7, ———, son of James and Mary O'Neal.
June 9, Charles E., son of John and Abbie Finegan.
June 21, Ralph E., son of James A. Eaton and Abbie J. Newell.
June 25, Carmon Florence, daughter of Charles W. and Florence L. Frost.
July 21, Myron son of Aaron B. and Lucy A. Peffers.
July 24, Helen, daughter of Charles R. F. and Helen Warner.
July 29, Mary, daughter of Robert and Mary A. West.
Aug. 10, John Edward, son of Michael and Catherine O'Brien.
Aug. 25, ———, son of Charles and Ada Lawrence.
Sept. 18, Edwin June, son of Matthew J. and Amelia P. Hilleur.
Sept. 28, Louise Edith, daughter of Ford F. and Anna W. Reed.

Sept. 30, John, son of Gammaliel and Kate DeBrugn.
 Oct. 8, Marian Louise, daughter of Edgar L. and Emily A. Wilder.
 Oct. 10, Mary Tresa, daughter of William H. and Mary E. Coffey.
 Oct. 16, Dora Garfield, daughter of Horace C. and Josephine Hazzard.
 Nov. 12, Roland Ashley, son of William and Mary Bush.
 Nov. 17, Florence Gertrude, daughter of Edwin and Elnora L. Mann.
 Nov. 20, ———, son of John A. and Charlotte French.
 Dec. 1, ———, son of Byron and Hattie M. Laws.
 Dec. 4, Rupert John, son of Edward and Joanna Mellom.
 Dec. 24, Catherine, daughter of Morris and Margaret Connors.

* MARRIAGES.

Jan. 4, Abial Fisher of Clinton, Hannah O. Haynes.
 Jan. 10, Orvill Farrar, Martha L. Jennerson.
 Feb. 27, Charles W. Smith of Brookline, N. H., Elnora L. Taylor.
 Mar. 14, Alfred Wetherbee, Martha J. Wheeler of Hollis, N. H.
 April 16, John W. Burt of Fitchburg, Lettie M. Pierce of Springfield.
 May 22, Horace F. Saunders, Laura J. Cutting of Groton.
 May, 25, Albert Scales, Harriet M. Warner of Pepperell.
 Sept. 7, Will A. Wyman and Ida L. Holden, both of Mason, N. H.
 Sept. 12, Frank O. Rollins and E. Imogene Hardy both of Peterboro, N. H.
 Sept. 24, Howard B. White of Acton, Bertha Sawtelle.
 Oct. 13, Eugene R. Kilbourn, Abby C. Turner.
 Oct. 25, Charles D. Gay of Boston, L. Anna Blood.
 Nov. 12, Frederic L. Hildreth, Martha J. Baxter of Brookline, N. H.
 Nov. 15, George A. Clark, Effie A. Severance.
 Nov. 19, Daniel P. Ford, Mary A. Wheeler of Templeton.
 Nov. 23, Frank A. Crosby, Jennie A. Bingham of Marlow, N. H.
 Nov. 26, Charles F. Allinson and Lillian A. Blood, both of Mason, N. H.
 Dec. 3, Byron H. Laws, Hattie M. Hobart.
 Dec. 13, F. S. Bickford, Elizabeth Longley of Shirley.
 Dec. 29, Alden W. Shepard, Ida M. Burgess.

*In the foregoing list the residence is Townsend where no other is given.

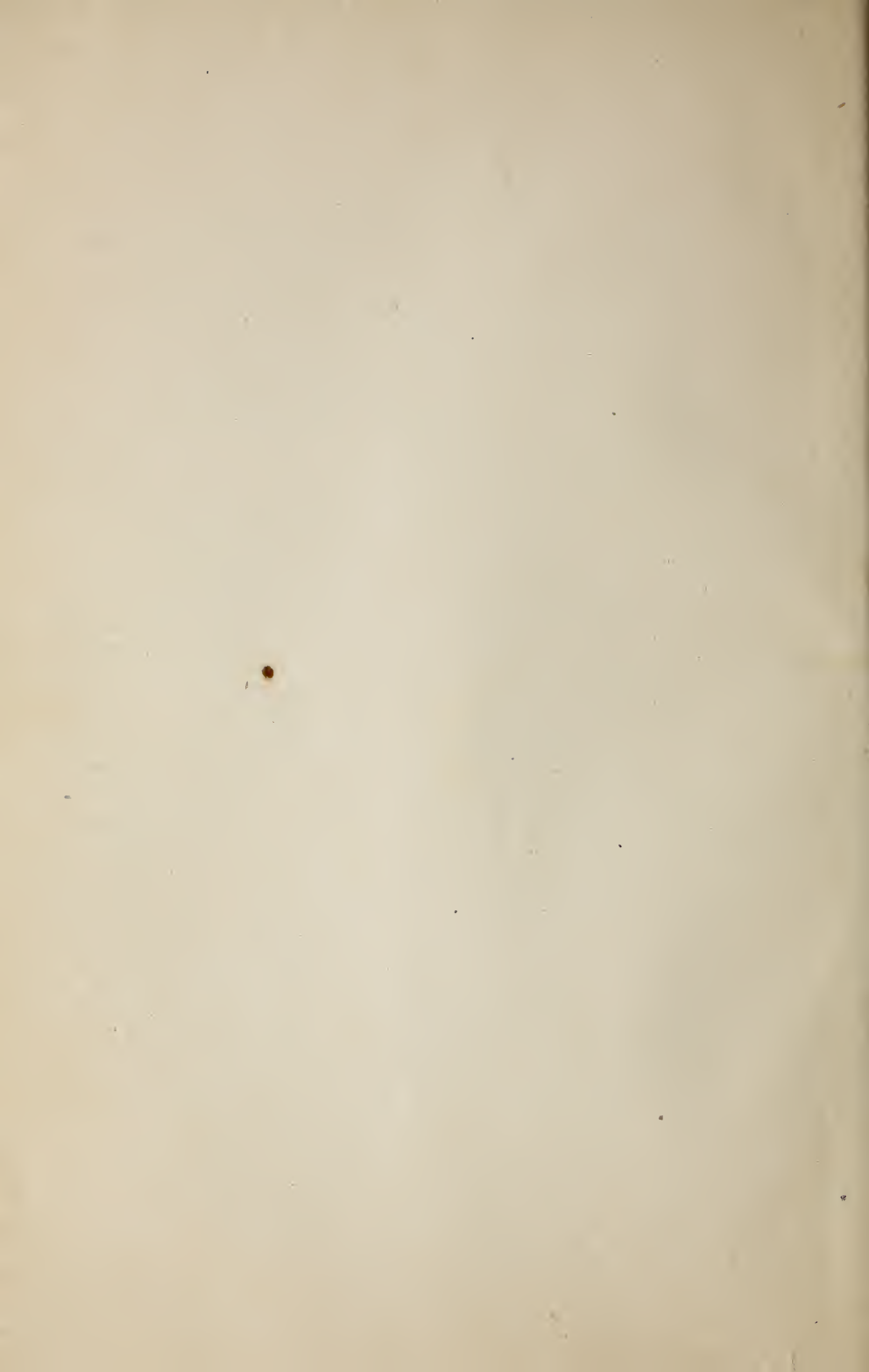
DEATHS.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan.	2 Mary J. Maguire, congestion of the lungs,		11	10
	8 James N. Tucker, Bright's disease,	69	7	17
	23 Serena Gilchrest, pneumonia,	47	3	21
Feb.	5 Solomon B. Parker, apoplexy,	69	5	29
	7 Rebecca W. Kemp, pneumonia,	59	5	6
	7 Wilbur L. Searles, pneumonia,	5	4	12
	26 Chester A. Eastman, bronchitis,		1	23
	27 Lucy Parker, old age,	75	1	20
Mar.	1 Eugene Sherwin, inflammation of the bowels,		11	26
	17 Lydia P. Edson, old age,	82		
	19 Hannah Seaver, old age,	98	9	15
	23 Mary A. Chase, epilepsy,	64	2	13
	29 Huldah Ball, heart disease,	68	2	4
April	2 William Hobart, apoplexy,	71	9	20
	2 Lucy P. Spaulding,	74	9	22
	16 Eben W. Cram, pneumonia,	66	6	4
	17 Abner J. Garfield, cancer,	67	11	18
	21 C. Chlora Robinson, congestion of the brain,	3	2	8
	30 Martha Keyes, old age,	81	11	25
May	4 Guy J. Powell, inflammation of the bowels,		2	
	3 Carrie A. Wells, accidental poisoning,	25	8	19
	7 Charles H. King, measles and brain fever,	12	9	6
	22 Mary Spaulding, consumption,	75	10	7
June	9 Charles E. Finegan,			1
	13 Daniel W. Todd, consumption,	10	6	18
	18 Roxanna Davis, consumption.			
July	15 Albert Howe, apoplexy,	67	7	
	21 Noah Ball, paralysis,	73	11	25
	24 Wilfred R. Stickney, cholera morbus,	4	1	18
Aug.	1 Sally Searle, heart disease,	79	9	26
	28 Grace Gleason, bronchitis,		1	4

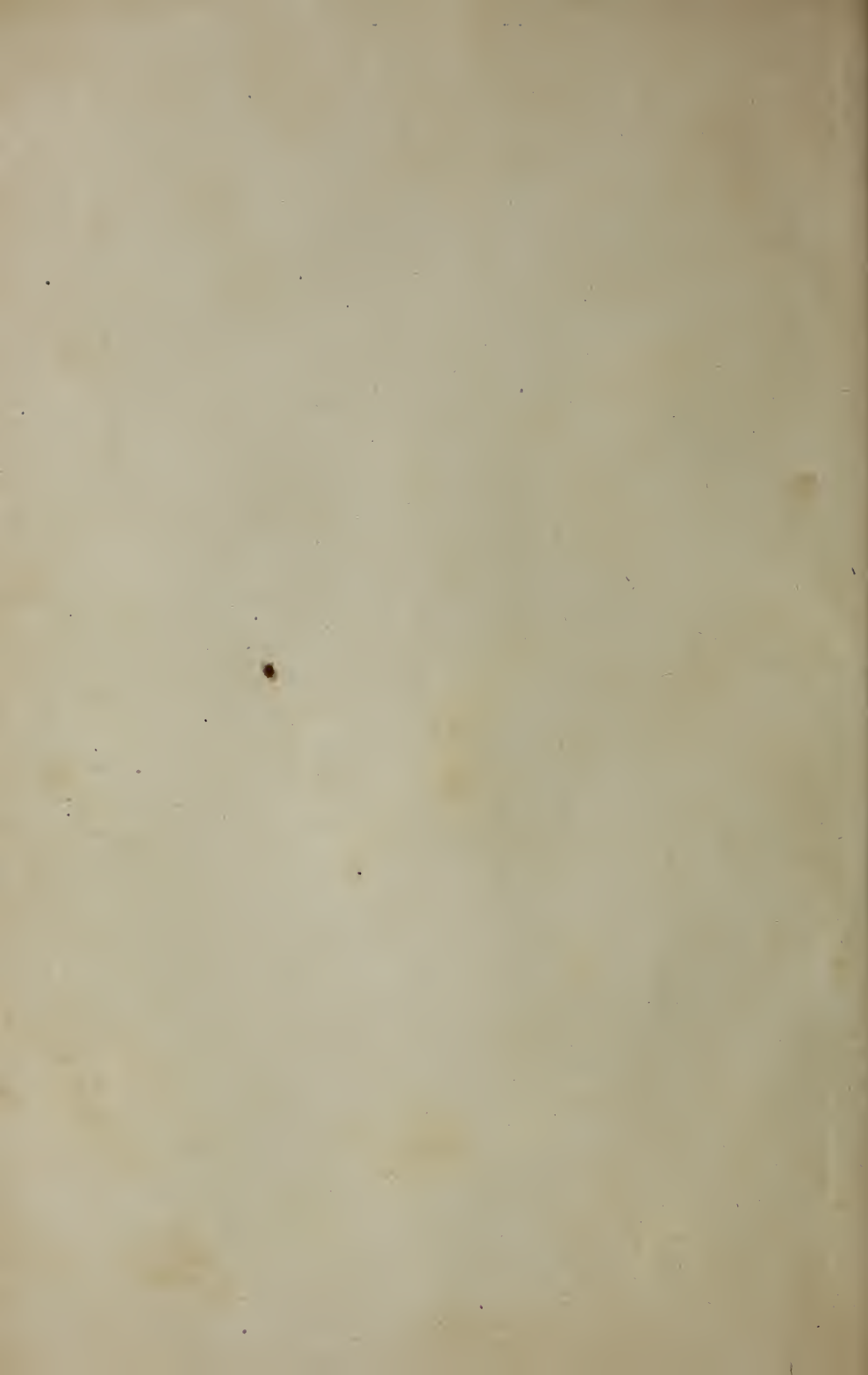
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Sept.	2 Ethel M. Kellogg, dropsy of the brain,		5	
	7 Ruth Adams, old age,	89	1	4
	19 Lavina Parker, heart disease,	78	2	7
	30 Thomas A. Norris, old age,	76		
Oct.	1 John DeBrugn, heart disease,			1
Dec.	22 Samuel D. Champney, heart disease,	69	1	6
	24 Betsey H. Osgood, tumor,	65	2	16
	27 David W. Benson, heart disease,	53	8	22

W. P. TAYLOR, *Town Clerk.*











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